MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഇംപ്രൂവ്മെൻറ് ചെയ്യാൻ ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P S. MOHAMED : എന്തെല്ലാമാണ് ?

DR S. JOHN : ആലപ്പി ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ, ഒരു മെറ്റേർണിറ്റി വാർഡ്, ധാരാളം ബെഡ്സ്, ഇവയൊക്കെ ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ പ്ലാൻ തയാറാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. എക്സ്റേ മുതലായതിനു ഓർഡറും കൊടുത്തു. Things have already come to Bombay.

PRESIDENT : The honourable member cannot answer the question in both the languages (*Laughter*).

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: May I know whether anything has been done in the matter of preparation of the plan and lay-out of the new building ?

DR. S. JOHN : Yes it is being done.

Dispensary at Kodumon in Kunnathur Taluk.

251. * MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Surgeon-General has inspected the site as per orders from the Government ; and

(*b*) whether he has submitted any report about his inspection to Government, and has placed the facts about the dispensary before the Committee of the Medical Board ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) No ; as the committee decided that two of its members and not the Surgeon-General should inspect the site.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN : May I know from the member whether there was not an order from the Dewan that he must inspect the site and submit a report to Government ?

DR. S. JOHN : Of course, the Surgeon-General paid a visit to the place. The Medical Advisory Committee members also went and inspected the site and they sent a report to me and I have forwarded it to Government.

Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

252. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED : (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon ;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number ; and

(*c*) what action Government have taken in this matter ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) Sixty six.

(*b*) and (*c*) Owing to the insufficiency of accommodation a new out-patient block has been constructed and the out-patient dispensary has been converted into wards.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know the number of in-patients treated in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, at a time ?

DR. S. JOHN : The average number is about 60.

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MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Is the honourable member aware that so many patients are accommodated in the veranda because of want of beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Arrangements are being made. For example, a new out-patient block has been constructed. The dispensary existing there has been converted into pay wards. There is no space available to put up buildings on this or the other side of the road. In that small compound we cannot put up a number of sheds.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government consider the question of acquiring some site to put up new buildings?

DR. S. JOHN: If places are available nearby, Government will consider the question.

Kanjirapally District Hospital.

253. ✱ **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased so state:

(*a*) whether they have received an offer for the construction of a new ward attached to the Kanjirapally District Hospital;

(*b*) whether they have accepted the offer; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes. There was an offer from Mr. V. M. Syed Mohamed Rowther for the construction of a maternity ward in the premises of the Government Hospital, Kanjirapally.

(*b*) and (*c*) The offer was accepted on condition that Mr. Rowther remits a sum of S. Rs. 10,000 in a Government Treasury. Mr. Rowther expressed his unwillingness to remit the full amount, but promised to remit the amount in four instalments which the Government were not prepared to accept.

Kottayam District Hospital.

254. ✱ **MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the daily average number of in-patients in the Kottayam District Hospital in 1121 till the 15th Mithunam;

(*b*) the number of out-patients;

(*c*) the number of major operations conducted there this year;

(*d*) the number of minor operations conducted there this year;

(*e*) how many patients have used the Ambulance van of the hospital;

(*f*) whether any applications for the Ambulance Van have been rejected; and

(*g*) if so, the number of applications so rejected?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Daily average in-patients 219.

(*b*) Daily average out-patients 310.

(*c*) 711.

(*d*) 860.

(*e*) 222.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 5 or 6 applications, when the car was out of order.

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